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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.:	09/042,488
Filing Date:	March 16, 1998
First Named Inventor:	EVANS et al.
Group Art	1633
Examiner:	S. Kaushal
Attorney Docket No.:	088802-8752 (SALK1520-2000)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Change to Applicant Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on December 13, 2000 and February 28, 2001.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).
- b. Other: Associate Power of Attorney

3. Fees

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.
 - i. RCE fee required under 367 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: Additional Claims Fee.
- b. Check in the amount of \$1,283.00
- c. Payment by credit card (From PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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